

State Parks and Reservoirs Site and Facility Improvements Spring 2007

Brookville Lake/Whitewater Memorial State Park

- ❖ Property operation of the Mounds Camp Store with addition of an activity center.
- ❖ Completed a major remodeling of the Whitewater gatehouse.
- ❖ Completed a variety of trail construction projects including the addition of two bridges on the Memorial Loop Trail.
- ❖ Completed the addition of three new playground units, two at Brookville and one at Whitewater.
- ❖ Constructed two new shelter houses at Whitewater. Both have electric and water available.
- ❖ Trenched in a waterline to the naturalist cabin at Whitewater.

Brown County State Park

- ❖ New playground near the entrance to the campground, and new play equipment at Kelp picnic area near the entrance to the horseman's camp.
- ❖ New Friendship Circle near the nature center that is used for programs etc. by our interpretive naturalist.
- ❖ West overlook towers have been rehabilitated.
- ❖ Friends moved what was said to be the original West gatehouse to the accessible friends trail near the office, and completely reconstructed it, rehabbing any rotted logs. It is now a neat place for people to stop and explore or watch wildlife.

Cagles Mill/Lieber (SRA)

- ❖ Remodeled campground store.

Cecil M. Harden Lake (Raccoon SRA)

- ❖ New pavers around our potable water spigots in the campground to reduce mud splash and make more visually appealing.
- ❖ A new concrete floor has been poured at the South Shelter to replace the old uneven surface.

Charlestown State Park

- ❖ New boat ramp onto the Ohio River, estimated completion is mid-May 2007.

Clifty Falls State Park

- ❖ New fully accessible Trail 7 approach that leads to the overlook on Clifty Falls and the upper gorge of Clifty Canyon.

Falls of the Ohio State Park

- ❖ New temporary exhibit: Commercial Fishing at the Falls, The End of an Era.

Fort Harrison State Park

- ❖ Added a bridge that connects the Lawrence Creek Trail to the Millennium Grove Tree ID Trail.
- ❖ Started resource management in the historic walnut plantation.
- ❖ Finished the boardwalk/trail system from the Harrison Trace down to the lake to create a fishing deck.

Hardy Lake

- ❖ 2 new play slides in our picnic area and new playground at the beach.
- ❖ Additions to the main entrance gate and campground gate houses.
- ❖ Construction of holding cage for permanent resident bald eagle
- ❖ Construction of 3 live raptor display cages at the property office.

Harmonie State Park

- ❖ New playgrounds in the campground and several picnic areas.
- ❖ New bee observation hive at the nature center.
- ❖ New alligator snapping turtle pond viewing area at the nature center.
- ❖ Campground has new picnic tables and fire ring.
- ❖ Cabins have been remodeled with new appliances, furniture, beds, and newly painted colorful interior.
- ❖ Sept 29-30 first annual craft fair, call office for booth rental information 812-682-4821.

Indiana Dunes State Park

- ❖ New entrance and approach to property to improve aesthetics and safety.
- ❖ New gatehouse.
- ❖ Removal of unused, 32' tall, 150,000 gallon water tower.
- ❖ Named one of the top 10 family-friendly beaches in the USA by tripadvisor.com.
- ❖ Received "recreation location of the year" R.O.S.E. Award from Lake, Laporte and Porter Co. CVBs)
- ❖ 7 acre prairie restoration.
- ❖ New playground at Wilson Shelter and new playground components at various other picnic areas.
- ❖ Re-established playfield south of Tremont Shelter.
- ❖ Planting of 76 new oak trees in the modern campground.
- ❖ Created trail 2 extension.
- ❖ Acquired new off-road tracked wheelchair to provide beach access for mobility-impaired.
- ❖ New fencing throughout property.

Lincoln State Park

- ❖ Replica furnishings for the Col. Wm. Jones Home
- ❖ New stoves, countertops, showers, furniture, refrigerators, floors and heating and air conditioning units in the family cabins.
- ❖ The campground gate has been refurbished.

McCormick's Creek State Park

- ❖ Complete renovation of the historic Works Progress Administration Amphitheater.

Mississinewa Lake

- ❖ 8 Rent-a-Camp camping cabins now available for reservations.
- ❖ Courtesy Dock at Miami Recreation Area Boat Ramp.
- ❖ New playground equipment.

Monroe Lake.

- ❖ New playground equipment.

Mounds State Park

- ❖ Friends of Mounds State Park, Inc. will celebrate one-year anniversary.
- ❖ Wayside interpretive signage installed at the Great Mound and other significant earthworks.
- ❖ Unique bench designed and installed by BSU architecture students.
- ❖ T1 lines installed to speed processing of electronic data and campground entrance access.
- ❖ Several trail changes, re-routes, and enhancements.
- ❖ Campground gate and camp store remodeled.

O'Bannon Woods State Park

- ❖ New interpretive information signage panels for the Haypress and Pioneer Farmstead.
- ❖ Pioneer summer kitchen completed at the Pioneer Farmstead.
- ❖ Renovation of the butterfly garden at the interpretive/nature center.
- ❖ Re-routed Tulip Valley hiking trail from the interpretive/nature center to the Class A campground.

- ❖ New Family Aquatic Center opening in late May.
- ❖ Renovated Kitchen, Dining and Recreation Hall at our Group Camp.
- ❖ New Electric Horse Camp Sites (36).
- ❖ Continued Improvements to our Family Class A electric RV campground.
- ❖ Newly rehabbed and accessible Fire Lookout Tower (1942).
- ❖ Recently opened vistas along the Ohio River picnic areas and overlook.
- ❖ Just completed interior rehab of our front office to make it more visitor friendly.

Ouabache State Park

- ❖ 3 new fishing piers on Kunkel lake, one is ADA compatible

Potato Creek State Park

- ❖ Cabins have received a face lift: appliances, couches, rugs, and curtains were replaced in 2006 along with other redecorating. Microwaves were also added.
- ❖ A Mountain Bike trail is being constructed and hopefully will open during the summer of 2007.

Prophetstown State Park

- ❖ A second hiking trail was added, 1.9 miles in length

Patoka Lake.

- ❖ All new playground equipment
- ❖ New courtesy docks at Newton Stewart & Painter Creek boat ramps.
- ❖ New vinyl on the beach house.
- ❖ New roofs on shelter houses and the camp store.
- ❖ Renovation of the gatehouses at the modern campgrounds & the main entrance to the Newton-Stewart SRA.
- ❖ Patoka Lake Visitor Center renovations, including a new metal roof and installation of dry wall and new windows in the interior.

Roush Lake

- ❖ Now offering canoes and kayaks (in addition to paddleboats)
- ❖ Enlarging and renumbering Kilsoquah Campground sites; added three pull-through sites. Little Turtle
- ❖ Shelter number 1 is now ADA accessible.
- ❖ Now offering pistol and shotgun training classes along with one on one instruction at Shooting Range.

Salamonie Lake

- ❖ New playground equipment.
- ❖ New shelter house in horse campground.
- ❖ New mountain bike trail, The Bloodroot Trail opening May 12, 2007.
- ❖ New phone system and connectivity in Lost Bridge West via fiber optic cables; faster camper check-in.
- ❖ New siding on the comfort stations in the modern campground.
- ❖ Improved four fishing access sites for bank fishermen along reservoir and river.

Shades State Park

- ❖ Remodeled shower house in campground with new and accessible shower, bath, sink and mirror fixtures, vandal-resistant wall coverings, new shower and toilet partitions, and new windows. Improvements have also made the shower house more environmentally friendly. Waste water will now be treated using plants instead of harsh chemicals, where possible.
- ❖ New playground was installed.

Shakamak State Park

- ❖ Now renting cabin 1.
- ❖ Group camp remodeled, open first part of June .
- ❖ New playground equipment.

Spring Mill State Park

- ❖ New playground in the campground.
- ❖ New roof on the grist mill and restored wall for mill raceway in the Pioneer Village.
- ❖ New trail surface and foot bridge for Trail 1 below the inn.
- ❖ Now renting mountain bikes and offering hayrides through the campstore.
- ❖ New display for personal items donated by the family of Gus Grissom.
- ❖ New air conditioning system and dining room ceiling for Spring Mill Inn.
- ❖ New roofs on campground comfort stations

Summit Lake State Park

- ❖ 210 foot fishing pier.
- ❖ Several fish attractors placed for shore anglers to take advantage of .
- ❖ A new Youth Tent accessible camping site.

Tippecanoe River State Park

- ❖ Our 12 new Rent-A-Camp cabins open on April 13.

Turkey Run State Park

- ❖ Installed new sinks and hand dryers in the west comfort station and replaced hot water heaters in all comfort stations.
- ❖ New showers and flooring have been installed at the North and South Comfort stations.
- ❖ Accessibility improvements in sidewalks and curbing at the swimming pool parking lot, campstore and campground control station.
- ❖ Two new playgrounds in the campgrounds.
- ❖ Main office renovations, including replacement of the heating and cooling system and construction of an Assistant Manager's office.
- ❖ Repairs at the Saddle Barn.
- ❖ New HVAC system for the camp store.
- ❖ Installation of new carpet and wall coverings has been completed at Turkey Run Inn.
- ❖ New playground equipment has been installed adjacent to the Turkey Run Inn.
- ❖ New air handlers at Turkey Run Inn are scheduled in installation starting the last of May 2007.
- ❖ New park entrance signs under construction.

Versailles

- ❖ Created a 7 acre wetland and planted 32 acres of warm season grasses.
- ❖ New playground set at picnic area and in campground loop. A.
- ❖ Extended mountain bike trail loop an additional 2 miles.
- ❖ Saddlebarn is in operation for 2007 season.
- ❖ New waterline installed under lake at bridge.
- ❖ Reconstructed floor in group cabin #10.
- ❖ New kayak rentals this season - beginning late May.